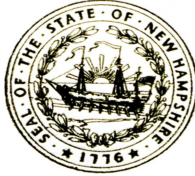


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Friends,

On Wednesday, the Governor & Council approved the first step of the bipartisan Medicaid Expansion plan signed into law this week. This will be the first in a series of contracts that will execute the plan to accept \$2.5 billion in federal funds made available through the Affordable Care Act to help low-income NH citizens secure health coverage (in large part through private insurance).

We also approved a number of regional issues and several with statewide impact:

IN CENTRAL NH: Assistance for installing a sprinkler system at the Concord Head Start facility; consolidating the Concord NH Employment Security offices on Main St & West St into a facility on Fruit St this spring; homeless aid in Merrimack County; repairs at the Daniel Webster Birthplace; wastewater projects; public water improvements in Belmont.

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: Sewer & water systems replacement at the Oak Hill Acres Coop in Hinsdale; homeless support; an \$855k loan for upgrades at the Keene Wastewater Treatment Facilities; restoration of wetlands along a tributary to Beaver Brook; and drill a well on a private property in Marlow.

IN STRAFFORD CO: Mad River restoration in Farmington; wastewater facility upgrades; and replacement of median box beam guardrails with concrete barriers on the Spaulding Turnpike.

STATEWIDE: Hired a firm to enact the first step of the bipartisan Medicaid Expansion plan signed into law yesterday; provided back pay owed to a state nurse; accepted federal Safe Schools grants; OK'd training services through Jobs for America's Graduates; expanded state police sobriety checkpoints; secured a final deal to purchase land for I-93 expansion; and confirmed a number of state officials (full list of nominations below).

The next meeting is on April 9. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at cvanostern@nh.gov or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

VIEW: [FULL 3/26 AGENDA](#)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

#3 Authorized to award a grant to the City of Concord, NH, in the amount of \$190,000 to assist CAP Belknap and Merrimack Counties Inc., with the installation

of a sprinkler system at the Concord Head Start facility in Concord. Effective March 26, 2014 through December 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

#8 Authorized the confirmation of Matthew J. Piccone, Concord, NH, for appointment to the rank of Major, NH Army National Guard.

#24 Authorized to enter into a contract with Diamond Relocation, Methuen, MA, for building content moving services, in the amount not to exceed \$46,654. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

#28 Authorized to enter into **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated March 4, 2014, to provide homeless shelter operations activities to assist homeless individuals through the Emergency Solutions Grant program in an amount not to exceed \$270,816. Effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

#36 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Historic Sites to amend a contract with Brian J. Barrett, Henniker, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 9-4-13, item #67), for additional repairs not covered in the original contract's scope of services for emergency repairs and exterior restoration of the 1790 Sawyer House, Daniel Webster Birthplace Historic Site, by increasing the amount by \$57,500 from \$90,000 to \$147,500. **100% Other Funds (Agency Income).**

#54 Authorized to award grant aid funds to the Cities as detailed in letter dated March 12, 2014, in the aggregate amount of \$2,708,484 for wastewater facility projects. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

#56 Authorized to award an Asset Management grant to the Town of Belmont, NH, in the amount of \$15,000 to improve public water system management. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

#6 Authorized to award a grant to the Town of Hinsdale, NH, in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of assisting Oak Hill Acres Cooperative with the replacement of the water distribution and sewer collection systems at the Oak Hill Acres Cooperative in Hinsdale, NH. Effective March 26, 2014 through December 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

#28 Authorized to enter into **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated March 4, 2014, to provide homeless shelter operations activities to assist homeless individuals through the Emergency Solutions Grant program in an amount not to exceed \$270,816. Effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

#49 Authorized a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan agreement with the Town of Swanzey, to finance Swanzey's portion of the ongoing upgrades to the Keene Wastewater Treatment Facilities in the amount of \$855,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **25% Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, 5% Capital (General), 70% CWSFR Repayment Funds.**

#52 Authorized to award an Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund grant to the City of Keene, NH, in the amount of \$277,707 to restore approximately one acre of wetlands and re-direct a section of a stream that is a tributary to Beaver Brook to improve flood storage, wildlife habitat, and nutrient retention. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. **100% Aquatic Resource Mitigation Funds.**

#75 Authorized the Bureau of Highway Maintenance to enter into a contract with Skillings & Sons Inc., Amherst, NH, for a 6-inch drilled well and pump on the property of James Strickland, Marlow, NH, in the amount of \$20,640. Effective upon G&C approval through July 25, 2014. **100% Highway Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

#50 Authorized to enter into an agreement with the Town of Farmington, NH, to complete the Mad River Restoration Project Phase 2: Implementation of the Mad River Restoration Project. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

#54 Authorized to award grant aid funds to the Cities as detailed in letter dated March 12, 2014, in the aggregate amount of \$2,708,484 for wastewater facility projects. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

#77 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with R.S. Audley Inc., Bow, NH, for replacement of median box beam guardrail with concrete median barrier and other related work along NH 16 (Spaulding Turnpike) in Portsmouth, on the basis of a low bid of \$696,482.10. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$34,824.11 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project.

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

#27A Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with Manatt Phelps and Phillips LLP, New York, NY, to provide professional services to assist in the development and implementation of a mandatory Health Insurance Premium Program and a Premium Assistance Program under the NH Health Protection Act, in an amount not to exceed \$1,675,000. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2015. **50% Federal, 50% General Funds. This item is contingent upon the enactment into law of SB 413-FN-A, 2014 Legislative Session".**

#59 Authorized to **retroactively** pay Cindy Ferland, Registered Nurse II (RN II) \$55,426.55 for prior year third shift differential wages with current fiscal years funds that were not processed January 20, 2006 to June 14, 2012 inclusive of holiday pay. **33% Federal, 34% Other, 33% General Funds.**

#62 Authorized to accept and expend NH Safe Schools/Healthy Students State Program (grant) funds in the amount of \$4,222,476 for FY14/15 from United States Department of Health and Human Services. (2) Further Authorized to establish 3 full time positions as detailed in letter dated February 3, 2014. (3) Further Authorize to establish one part time Program Specialist III, labor grade 23, salary \$35,742 - \$37,306, not to exceed 29.5 hours/week. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on March 21, 2014.**

#63 Authorized the Division of Career Technology and Adult Learning to amend an agreement with NH Jobs for America's Graduates, Manchester, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 6-19-13, item #200), to provide an additional number of students with employment and training services, by increasing the price by \$63,806 from \$1,159,202 to \$1,223,008. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds.**

#67 Authorized the Division of State Police to accept and expend \$35,672 of federal funds from the NH Highway Safety Agency entitled NH State Police Sobriety Checkpoints for the purpose of combating the DWI problem throughout the State. Effective April 1, 2014 through September 15, 2014. **100% Agency Income.**

#71 Authorized the Bureau of Right of Way to pay property owners \$9,640,000 as documented on the Contemplated Awards List for amounts greater than \$5,000 for the period extending from February 19, 2014 through March 3, 2014. Effective upon G&C approval.

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Director of Personnel at the Department of Administrative Services

Sara J. Willingham, Concord, NH*

Board of Accountancy

Jeffrey P. Seifert, Bedford, NH

Advanced Manufacturing Education Advisory Council

Jacqueline E. Guillette, Claremont, NH

Ballot Law Commission

Dean B. Eggert, Bow, NH

Roger Wellington, Concord, NH*

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Scott A. MacDonald, Goffstown, NH

Board of Court Reporters

Thomas H. Richards, Sunapee, NH

State Board of Fire Control

Steven C. Freitas, Salem, NH

New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights

Paul J. Phillips, Plymouth, NH

Invasive Species Committee

Jeffrey M. Taylor, Richmond, NH

Board of Medicine

Emily R. Baker, Hanover, NH

Penalty Appeal Board

Gayle E. Troy, Dunbarton, NH

Personnel Appeals Board

David Goldstein, Dover, NH*

Physical Therapy Governing Board

Ronald Fuller, Manchester, NH

Board of Registration of Podiatrists

James H. Dolan, Stratham, NH

Public Water Access Advisory Board

Joseph B. Goodnough, Newbury, NH*

Gene Porter, Nashua, NH

Thomas Quarles, Brookline, NH

Traffic Safety Commission

Frank R. Dickinson, Ossipee, NH

James W. Milliken, Concord, NH*

Patricia A. Rainboth, East Rochester, NH*

Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation

Matthew Kfoury, Manchester, NH

Board of Managers of the New Hampshire Veterans' Home

Madeline R. Dreusicke, Pelham, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Agricultural Advisory Board

Mae Burnap, Strafford, NH*

Air Resources Council

Georgia Murray, Conway, NH

Commissioner of New Hampshire Employment Security

George N. Copadis, Manchester, NH

State Board of Fire Control

Floyd W. Hayes, Bedford, NH

Board of Foresters

Charles W. Thompson, Wilmot, NH

Division of Higher Education

Stephen B. Jones, West Chesterfield, NH*

Judicial Council

Henry P. Mock, Jackson, NH

Daniel E. Will, Loudon, NH

Personnel Appeals Board

Karen A. Levchuk, Concord, NH*

Pesticides Control Board

Anne D. Krantz, Amherst, NH

Poet Laureate

Alice B. Fogel, Acworth, NH*

Commission of the Department of Resources and Economic Development

Jeffrey J. Rose, Manchester, NH

Director of the Division of Economic Development at the Department of Resources and Economic Development

Carmen R. Lorentz, Belmont, NH*

Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation at the Department of Resources and Economic Development

Philip A. Bryce, Deering, NH

Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee

Maura M. Weston, Concord, NH*

Commissioner of the Treasury

William F. Dwyer, Gilford, NH

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